Conference on Disarmament

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Letter dated 20 February 2014 from the President of the Conference on Disarmament and Permanent Representative of Italy to the Conference on Disarmament transmitting two letters from the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

I have the honour to transmit herewith to the Conference on Disarmament, two letters addressed to me in my capacity as President of the Conference, from Ms. Angela Kane, High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, transmitting the following reports for consideration by the Conference, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 68/46 and 68/50:

(a) Report of the Open-ended Working Group to develop proposals to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations for the achievement and maintenance of a world without nuclear weapons established pursuant General Assembly resolution 67/56 and issued under symbol A/AC.281/2 of 9 September 2013, reflecting the discussions and proposals made during its deliberations; and

(b) The report of the Group of Governmental Experts on Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities, established pursuant General Assembly resolution 65/68 and issued under symbol A/68/189 dated 29 July 2013 containing the recommendations made by the Group.

I have requested the Secretariat to circulate the present note with the two letters as an official document of the Conference.

(*Signed*) Vinicio Mati
President
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to the Conference on Disarmament

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I am writing to you in your capacity as the President of the Conference on Disarmament. You will recall that on 5 December 2013 the General Assembly adopted resolution 68/46 entitled "Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations" by which it noted with satisfaction that the Open-ended Working Group to develop proposals to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations for the achievement and maintenance of a world without nuclear weapons, established by the General Assembly by its resolution 67/56, which met during 2013, engaged in discussions in an open, constructive, transparent and interactive manner to address various issues related to nuclear disarmament, and welcomed the report of the Working Group on its work, reflecting the discussions and proposals made during its deliberations.

Furthermore, by operative paragraphs 5 to 7 of resolution 68/46, the General Assembly:

> "5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Working Group to the Conference on Disarmament and the Disarmament Commission for their consideration;
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> 6. Calls upon all Member States, international organizations and civil society to continue to enrich the discussions on how to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations in the United Nations bodies in which disarmament and peace and security are addressed, taking into account the report of the Working Group and the proposals contained therein;
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> 7. Encourages Member States, international organizations and civil society to take into account the report of the Working Group and the proposals contained therein in the discussions in other forums in which humanitarian, health, human rights, environmental and development affairs are addressed."

Against this background, I have the honour to transmit on behalf of the Secretary-General through you the afore-mentioned report to the Conference on Disarmament.

(*Signed*) Angela Kane
High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

H.E. Mr. Vinicio Mati
President of the Conference on Disarmament
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I am writing to you in your capacity as the President of the Conference on Disarmament. As you are well aware, on 5 December 2013 the General Assembly adopted without vote resolution 68/50 entitle Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities by which it welcomed the report of the Group of Governmental Experts on this matter transmitted by the Secretary-General. By operative paragraphs 3 and 4 of the resolution, the General Assembly:

"3. *Decides,* in order to further advance transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space, to refer the recommendations contained in the report to the Committee on the Peaceful Use of Outer Space, the Disarmament Commission and the Conference on Disarmament for consideration, as appropriate;

"4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate the report to all other relevant entities and organizations of the United Nations system in order that they may assist in effectively implementing the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report."

Against this background, I have the honour to transmit on behalf of the Secretary-General through you the afore-mentioned report to the Conference on Disarmament.

(*Signed*) Angela Kane
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